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AMENDMENT "C" UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is applicant's Amendment "C" in response to the final Office Action mailed May 20, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response of August 20, 2003. This Amendment "C" is being submitted within two months of the mailing date of the Final Rejection, to permit time for an Advisory Action.

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Claims 5 - 10, 12 - 16, 23, 24, and 27 - 53 are pending in the application.

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Claims 5 - 10, 12 - 16, 23, 24, and 27 - 34 are allowed.

Claims 38 - 41 and 50 - 53 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 47 - 49 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,891,807, to Muller et al.

Claims 35 - 37 and 42 - 46 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Muller et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,182,234, to Meyer.

Please amend the application as follows.